Socialism in the Bible

Part First

The Garden of ... Or Socialism in the Book of Genesis

... the Catholic Church, on the one extreme, or a materialistic, atheistic evolutionist, on the other. And the thoughtful, generous attention of persons at each extreme and at every stage between is earnestly besought with reference to the contents of this article. It may suggest a basis of reconciliation between science and the Bible which will be helpful to people of all creeds, though its chief purpose is to call attention to the sociology of the Fall.

The second and third chapters of Genesis contain the strange account of an innocently happy man and woman ages ago in a "garden," whose actual location has been lost for thousands of years, and whose traditional and theoretic location has wandered from Mesopotamia via "the lost Atlantis" to the North Pole! (See President Warren's book.)

The story begins with beautiful, sparkling comedy and ends in terrible tragedy. It begins in a paradise of innocence, happiness and plenty and ends in the bleak, black desert of nakedness, want and sorrow.

A Legend Old

Did space permit, we would revel in the romantic and curious literature of this most interesting tradition. Poetry, legend and sober scholarship have each and all been busy with the Edenic episode in many lands for thousands of years. There is an ancient Hebrew legend to the effect that Eve was only Adam's second wife, whose name was Lillith. ... Lillith were created as two parts of the same being and afterwards separated ...

... Every form of ... drama, ... poetry and social philosophy ... "Paradise Lost," ... as well as the scientific works of Darwin and others on the "Origin of the Species" and "Descent of Man," together with ... Morgan's "Ancient Society."

Whether the story of Adam and Eve ... does not ... the essential truth.

[illegible] upward, too, that a state of [illegible] and moral responsibility, even [illegible] not fairly measured up to and therefore [illegible] direful miseries by way of positive [illegible] is far better than the instinctive obe[illegible] of mere brutes and savages. We agree [illegible] Holland's view of the beneficent results of [illegible]:

"[illegible] seeks for virtue; you for innocence.
[illegible] find it in the cradle—nowhere else—
[illegible] in your dreams, among the grown-up
babes
That dwelt in Eden—powerless, pulpy souls
That showed a dimple for each touch of Sin,
And fell with the first temptation.
[illegible] seeks for virtue, and, that it may live,
[illegible] must resist; and that which it resists
[illegible] live." * * *

[illegible] the whole human race is yet in the dark[illegible] and sorrow of the first temptation, struggling hopelessly to obtain satisfaction out of forbidden fruit, or to master the general temptation by individual and social virtue which alone can bring peace and lasting progress to men and nations.

In three important respects the human race is fallen; and, strange to say, these three ways are clearly foreshown in the Genesis story. We [illegible] peoples have revelled in the delightful, [illegible] ravishing shade of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; we have partaken of its fruits and "become as gods, knowing good from evil;" but we have not eaten of the Tree of Life, and the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge is yet poison in our veins, both individually and socially. We are not fairly [illegible] our great responsibilities as we [illegible]; we are not walking in the glorious light [illegible] as we ought; we are not true to [illegible] visions we have seen upon Mounts [illegible] Calvary and Science; we are morally [illegible] and all our individual and social mis[illegible] from this terrible fact. We have [illegible] strength and happiness of [illegible] virtue, [illegible] and peace of the truly human. We are [illegible] the dark, confusing, terrible night of [illegible] from the lesser day into the splendor [illegible] greater day that is soon to dawn.

We have used our Knowledge to obtain [illegible] rather than to gain life, strength and [illegible]; TO GET GAIN of money, position [illegible] rather than to help mankind. Our Knowledge has spread evil rather than good and poisoned the stream of life rather than [illegible] it. Schemes of adulteration, of graft, of tyranny are the fruits of our Knowledge, and [illegible] our greatest inventions are monopolized to serve **SELFISHNESS** instead of justice, [illegible] and generosity.

Shall we rise to the glory of our present individual and social opportunities, or shall we follow the earlier, long-lost civilizations back [illegible] endless night? Shall some historian two thousand years hence sit amidst the ruins of New York, Chicago or San Francisco musing [illegible] on the "decline and fall" of our present civilization as did Gibbon amidst the ruins of ancient Rome?

Three striking signs of the Fall of Man are clearly indicated in the Genesis account, and one or another or all of these three have been the cause of all the failure, wrong and misery of individuals and nations.

I. The Fall of Man is recorded in his unnatural appetites; he is forever partaking of forbidden fruits; he seeks mere pleasure instead of nourishment in food and drink; his conduct in this regard is foolish and disgraceful beyond the acts of any beast of forest or field; and as a result his body is imperfect, sickly, foul and weak. Compared with "lower creatures," he is [illegible] intemperate as to both the quantity and the quality of what he consumes. Liquors, tobacco, drugs and injurious gastronomic luxuries are taken into his system for mere selfish temporary pleasure when he knows that they [illegible] do him harm. "Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." [illegible] Tree of Knowledge [illegible]

[illegible] their [illegible] takes [illegible] might [illegible] physicians [illegible] ing excessively [illegible] and eating what they [illegible] and upon this plan both individuals and nations inevitably degenerate and fall.

Proper food and drink is [illegible] is more essential to the rise of individuals and nations than is the [illegible] widened by bad habits. No wonder the Medes and Persians conquered Babylon; no wonder Alexander lost his life and the empire he had won; no wonder Rome fell an easy prey to the Goths and Vandals; no wonder our Americans are so weak and miserable in body and brain. Let wild animals and savages teach us by contrast of their splendid health and strength the full measure of our fall; for our race must revolutionize its habits in this regard or fail and fail forever.

II. The Fall of Man is recorded in his unnatural lusts. The wild tiger, the orang-outang, the untamed stallion of the plains, the buffalo, the eagle, is each a thorough "gentleman," far superior to the average "civilized" man in this respect. Even those that are polygamous (according to the necessities of their state of life) are self-restrained, courteous, considerate. They yield not to their own natural, ever-present desire for self-gratification, except when distinctly invited by the females, which occurs but seldom; and they ever respect, by noble docility and self-control, the rights and wishes of their pregnant mates. It is an insult to every wild beast to term "bestial" the revolting crimes of masturbation, whore-mongering, adultery and marital excess of which multitudes of human beings are guilty.

Man is fallen below the brute. He has prostituted the very Tree of Life to the purposes of sexual pleasure, sin and death. He has [illegible] himself and his "lower" ones with weakness and failure; he has sown horrible diseases like a whirl-wind until his "wild oats" are flourishing in world-wide misery, and his wife and children must bear with him the awful shame and agony.

Whether woman sinned first in this regard does not matter. The race is under the curse of its own Fall, and women and children must share the evil results thereof.

"And unto the woman he said; I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shall bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." Gen. 3, 16. Yes, the lusts of men make conjugal relations a shame to their wives; it increases pain of motherhood; it makes wives uncertain of their husband's loyalty; it destroys the elsewise sanctity and happiness of home.

The connection between forbidden foods and sexual lusts is clear in the text, Gen. 3, 5-7. Intemperance in food kindles unnatural fires in the blood which break out in wild, fierce flames of passion; and the two evils, unnatural appetites and passions, making the soul more selfish and greedy, prepare the way for the third curse of the Fall.

III. The Fall of Man is recorded in his unnatural greed and poverty. Sin is all of one piece—one woof and fiber—selfishness. Intemperance in food and drink develops lust, and lust is but another form of greed.

The story of Adam was not intended merely as the biography of a man, but as the history of a race. The evils which are reputed to have come upon him have fallen upon all mankind—and the curse abides, and must abide, until the sins of intemperance, lust and greed are banished from the world.

And these are all social sins. Civilized society [illegible]

[illegible] poverty [illegible] which [illegible] lack of [illegible] health [illegible] men who cannot afford [illegible] poverty creates [illegible] women who cannot marry [illegible] living under the system [illegible] brothel [illegible] with all its [illegible] Multitudes of men and women [illegible] economic pressure [illegible] out of Eden [illegible] destruction of the present [illegible] can restore the [illegible] of Man [illegible]

Vice tends to produce poverty [illegible] poverty tends a thousand [illegible] duce vice. Poverty [illegible] lust which go hand in hand.

"Cursed is the ground for thy sake [illegible] Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth [illegible] * * * In the sweat of thy face [illegible] eat bread." Gen. 3, 17-19.

Labor was not placed upon Adam [illegible] for sin; for Adam [illegible] But slavery and poverty [illegible] cause. Beasts and [illegible] ly and generally [illegible] tribes, like Abraham's, [illegible] about finding pastures [illegible] which gave them food and [illegible] ever suffered hunger [illegible] camp. In the huts of the savage [illegible] the latch-string [illegible] food was free to friend and [illegible] there was enough for all. Even the Highland feuds did not [illegible] a hostile clan from [illegible] if he [illegible]

[illegible] tice.

Thorns and thistles are [illegible] way they can be [illegible] The Canadian thistle [illegible] until men organized [illegible] And men will have to [illegible] hunger at their tables [illegible] system gives way to the Co-operative Commonwealth. Then the day's labor [illegible] and light, the reward high, and earth [illegible] plenteous paradise once more.

"Beware of the leaven [illegible] which is covetousness [illegible] Commandments wisely [illegible] Covet" last; for covetousness [illegible] of all sins and breaks [illegible] Covetousness is the [illegible] main principle of the [illegible] of money is the root of [illegible] again he truly declared [illegible] rich fall into divers [illegible] which drowns men's souls in [illegible] there can be no true [illegible] of God on earth, no freedom from [illegible] want, no escape from the Fall [illegible] while the profit system exists. [illegible] God-fearing people should work and [illegible] Socialism.

Our Knowledge of Good and Evil [illegible] in the Bible and in modern Science [illegible] used righteously, socially. We must [illegible] the selfish, unbrotherly [illegible] of life and adopt the Co-operative [illegible] government and industry.

And, Socialist Co[illegible] destroyed while [illegible] The three are [illegible] be conquered [illegible] dren of one father [illegible]

[illegible]

7.—[illegible] of the earth are produced by [illegible]. [illegible] without [illegible] them is stealing the bread of the workers.

8.—Observe and think in order to discover the truth. Do not believe what is contrary to reason, and never deceive yourself or others.

9.—Do not think that those who love their own country must hate and despise other nations, or wish for war, which is a remnant of barbarism.

10.—Look forward to the day when all men and women will be free citizens of one fatherland, and live together as brothers and sisters in peace and righteousness.

BARBAROUS MEXICO

By John Kenneth Turner. Published by Chas. H. Kerr & Co.; price, $1.50. Order of the Chicago Socialist.

Review by Wm. H. Watts

"Mexico is a country without political freedom, without freedom of speech, without a free press, without a free ballot, without a jury system, without political parties, without any of our cherished guarantees of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is a land where there has been no contest for the office of President for more than a generation, where the executive rules all things by means of a standing army, where political offices are sold for a [illegible]

[illegible] was actual chattel slavery in Mexico [illegible] of the statement, but the Mexicans insisted that it was true.

"'Yes, slavery,' they said, 'chattel slavery. Men, women and children bought and sold like mules—just like mules—and like mules they belong to their masters. They are slaves.'

"'Human beings bought and sold like mules in America! And in the twentieth century! Well,' I told myself, 'if it's true, I'm going to see it.'"

Mr. Turner did see it, so he claims, and the conviction is irresistible upon reading his book that he actually saw what he claims he saw and heard what he claims he heard. Very rarely in the 300 pages of the book are the personal feelings of the author allowed to display themselves in his writings. Barbarous Mexico is a calm, dispassionate, methodical recital which leaves the impression that there is vastly more that might be said, but the author has taken particular pains not to state anything that was not personally known to himself or of which he had documentary evidence.

The population of Yucatan, which Mr. Turner first visited, is given at about [illegible], of whom more than 100,000 are slaves, employed in the cultivation of henequen, or sisal hemp. "The slaves are 8,000 Yaqui Indians imported from Sonora, 3,000 Koreans, and [illegible] 100,000 native Mayas, who formerly owned the lands that the henequen kings now own." [illegible], it is explained, is enforced [illegible] [illegible] valley from [illegible] long, with only one [illegible] [illegible] cultivation of tobacco. [illegible]

[illegible]

"Critics and Correspondents" [illegible] Chapters XIV and XV, "The [illegible] of Diaz" and "American [illegible] the Enemies of Diaz" [illegible] an American [illegible]

The attitude of the United States [illegible] the Dictator of Mexico [illegible] $900,000,000 of American capital [illegible] that country under the protection of [illegible]

The last chapter in which the [illegible] the Mexican people against the charge of ethnological inferiority [illegible] illuminating. Mr. Turner says:

"I have seen men [illegible] [illegible]

"Barbarous Mexico" is not [illegible] read, but it should be read by [illegible]

JOIN [illegible]

Every one who [illegible] join the Socialist [illegible] work. [illegible]

To vote the Socialist [illegible] you a party [illegible] a party local [illegible] local in your vicinity [illegible]

[illegible]

A [illegible] Mayor [illegible]

Signs of the Times

Editorial Comment

The recent optimistic address of Representative Champ Clark of Missouri before the Y. M. C. A. of Springfield, Mass., is something to which the Christian Socialist can heartily say Amen. The world is growing better, and it is growing better because of a lot of agitators who will not let people rest in peace. There is a great difference between the so-called optimism of those who turn their backs upon evils and refuse to admit its existence and the constructive optimism of those who are trying to leave the world a little better than they found it. A Christian Socialist has a better right than anyone to call himself an optimist.

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A magnificent international court house is being built at The Hague with money provided by Andrew Carnegie. It is noticeable that as fast as the great capitalists acquire international holdings they become interested in international peace. It is also noticeable that as fast as they become interested in ship yards, steel mills, cannon foundries and manufacturing of munitions and appliances of war they become interested in securing army and navy appropriations. Thus the two contradictory tendencies of capitalism are easily explained.

Andrew Carnegie, having given $10,000,000 to the peace fund, favors the proposition to fortify the Panama Canal. Andy's steel is used in making guns. See?

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At the fire which recently destroyed the state capitol building of Missouri, it is stated that the penitentiary fire department did heroic work, the convicts scaling walls and taking dangerous chances for their lives.

There is an idea, quite largely credited today, that crime is a disease. That may be true in some cases, but many criminals are victims of our social system who have made war on society. In other respects they are a good deal like the rest of us. Let us have a system in which everyone has an equal start in life and a certainty of an opportunity to earn living, and within a generation the population of our prisons will be much depleted.

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The United States, by a sort of legal or diplomatic fiction, interfered with the domestic affairs of Santo Domingo by designating American agents to assist in the collection of the Dominican customs, and, having collected the customs, then to segregate such proportionate part of the revenue necessary to meet principal and interest upon the public debt. This to protect the American capitalist creditors of the West Indian republic.

Before J. P. Morgan sailed for Egypt he visited Washington. Various conjectures were made as to the object of his visit, but three days after he sailed President Taft sent to the Senate the treaty recently negotiated with Honduras. Mr. Morgan is to help refund the public debt of Honduras, and it is believed the new treaty includes a similar provision for the protection of American creditors as that in force in Santo Domingo. Thus the Federal Government is made a debt-collecting agency for our capitalists.

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The New York Press states that J. P. Morgan is organizing a publishing trust to control the publication of magazines with a two-fold object—to make them still more profitable through combination and to control their editorial policy. He already owns periodicals with a circulation of almost 3,000,000.

The active work of organization is being carried on through Thomas W. Lamont, who controls the Crowell Publishing Co., which several years ago bought with money advanced directly by Lamont, the Woman's Home Companion, and the Farm and Fireside, and recently acquired the American Magazine. Here is a circulation of more than 1,700,000.

Plans are under way for the amalgamation of the Harper publications, including Harper's Monthly, with a circulation of about 100,000, Harper's Weekly and Harper's Bazaar, [illegible] Mr. [illegible] many years. To [illegible] Age, in which Lamont owns a large block of stock.

Most of the large newspapers are owned by corporations, and with the magazines controlled by one money-king, what becomes of our liberty of the press? How can we think correctly without correct information? And the sources of information are rapidly coming under the control of the little group of financiers who practically own the United States.

The Socialist and radical press is the one great bulwark of our liberties. Every lover of freedom should support the Socialist papers.

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In the Danville vote-buying investigation Judge Kimbrough has declared the section of the special city election act for cities, towns and villages providing a penalty for vote buyers unconstitutional. He assigned three reasons for the law's unconstitutionality—that the law made vote buying a crime in Danville, while just outside the city limits, where the general election law is in force, vote buying is not a crime; that it did not affect all residents of the state equally, and that the title of the law said nothing about vote buying, nor did the law state that it fixes a new crime, and that, therefore, the act was not an amendment to the general election law. This decision gives all Vermillion county "vote buyers" an immunity bath.

We don't know enough to pass upon the fine legal points involved in this decision, but we do know that such decisions are teaching contempt for the law and the constitution, and contempt for the courts.

[illegible] of Champaign, Ill., and [illegible] Mrs. Mary Washburn. [illegible] instruct and inspire us [illegible] dren, idiots, lunatics and criminals [illegible] Woman as an astronomer [illegible] stars and detects unknown bodies [illegible] heavens; as a chemist she analyzes [illegible] of the universe and discovers [illegible] an author she writes books [illegible] crowned; as a teacher she stands [illegible] and trains our future citizens [illegible] citizenship and the intricacies of [illegible] but withall she is not supposed to [illegible] to express an intelligent opinion [illegible] Or it is objected that woman's place is [illegible] home. Let us see. Ten minutes to walk [illegible] polling place, five minutes to vote, and [illegible] to return home; twenty-five minutes once a [illegible] exercise the civil function that stands [illegible] citizen and tyranny or anarchy. And this [illegible] stroy the home! We would suggest that [illegible] do the shopping and go to church [illegible] their wives and sisters so the women [illegible] more time to take care of [illegible] for we must save the home even if [illegible] is a dirty factory by day and a room in a [illegible] lodging house by night.

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J. L. Bachman, Atty., who was the Socialist candidate for Congress from Columbus, [illegible] last election, declares that the Socialists of Columbus are going to carry the city [illegible] Comrade Bachman came so near being [illegible] the city dailies came out with extras [illegible] his victory, which proved to be a mistake. [illegible] talk of fusion between the Republicans and Democrats to prevent a Socialist victory. This [illegible] will take place whenever the Socialists [illegible] strong enough to really frighten the "powers that be." The real issue is Socialism vs. Capitalism. All other issues are merely fakes to divide the vote.

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[illegible] NATURE NEEDS NO CHANGE

[illegible] other day a cripple came out of the [illegible] Art [illegible] in a driving blizzard [illegible] people off their feet. The [illegible] was just soft enough to make it slippery under foot and to increase the danger. Two men, strangers to the cripple, helped him across Michigan avenue and down Adams street to the street car line, staying with him until they saw him safely on board his car. If it had not been these men who had performed this service no doubt others would have done so. We will venture the assertion that this kindly spirit animates ninety-five out of every hundred people; yet we are told that we must change human nature before we can have Socialism. It is not human nature that needs to be changed, but the direction of human thought. It is our individual scepticism that interferes with our collective possibilities.

MARTYRS OF JAPANESE TYRANNY

[illegible] the legal murder of twelve so-called [illegible] in Japan the Chief Justice gave out the following statement:

"[illegible] and his associates plotted a violent revolution by means of explosives and deadly weapons. They intended to plunder the [illegible], burn the government offices, assassinate high officials, attack the imperial palace, and attempt the life of the Crown Prince, whose palace is less securely guarded than that of the Mikado."

The statement is ridiculous on its face. Either the Chief Justice and his colleagues are in a frenzy of fear, produced by their ignorance, or else the statement is a stupid and [illegible] attempt to humbug the world. In any case the execution of Dr. Kotoku and his associates is a foul blot on the civilization of Japan. Civilized nations punish for deeds, not [illegible]. The reports of the Japanese papers, which are similar in tone, are evidently inspired by the government.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

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[illegible] as there is a genius for [illegible] cy, poetry, or painting. That man was John D. Rockefeller."

"Mr. Milburn is right. Rockefeller is a genius—the greatest money-making genius the world has seen. Now, genius is the rarest gift of the gods. Why should it be restrained?

"Because the rights of society are superior to the rights of the individual, and it happens that the Rockefeller genius for the organization of industry and the accumulating of dollars is of a sort that may and sometimes does encroach upon the common welfare."

This reasoning is correct; there is no escape from it. But we would remind those who are thinking similar thoughts that if Mr. Rockefeller's genius for organization had been exercised in the service of the public, the oil industry would have been an unqualified blessing and not a burden. Mr. Rockefeller could have been just as successful, and he would to day be honored and respected by his fellow citizens instead of going down to his grave feeling their scorn and hatred. The profit system is bad any way you look at it.

WILL CHRISTIANITY SURVIVE?

By Paul H. Castle

As we view religion from the dim, savage past to our day, we behold the passing of a multitude of gods and the decay of myriad beliefs in supernatural agencies. And in this age of change and decay many cherished beliefs of even our own generation are no longer held in serious contemplation.

Out of this arises the serious and pertinent question, "Will Christianity survive the march of human progress toward the ultimate goal of Justice and Divine Manhood?" This question can be answered only by ascertaining the causes leading to the decay of past religions. These causes are twofold. The failure to meet with the approval of increasing knowledge and failure of adjustment and application to man's changing material needs.

Only that survives which is fit to survive, whether it be an animal, an industrial system, a social system, a religion or a god. Nothing remains stable. Only ignorance says: "It always was so and it always will be so," when such a sophistry is proclaimed relative to any particular custom or system. Evolution is as a mighty engine, if we go with it, it carries us onward, if we oppose its progress, it crushes and destroys us.

If Christianity then contains in it that which forthcoming knowledge will sustain, it will survive. If Christianity has wrapped up in it that unfolding process of truth which finds its fulfillment in the economic changes now immanent and which ever must go on in human society, it will survive the decay of the present and future industrial and social systems.

But if men like Rev. J. Wesley Hill whose stand against Socialism has been so ably and thoroughly refuted by the editor of the Christian Socialist, dominate Christianity, it will pass away with the industrial system it champions. For if Christianity identifies itself with an industrial system that has in it the seeds of decay, it is only logical to expect that with that system it too will pass into history.

It is evident that our present capitalistic industrial system is not meeting the needs of human progress and is not fit to survive. The signs of the times indicate that this system of industry is giving way to a socialized co-operative industry based on the fraternal social ethics of Jesus. And if Christianity survives as a religion, it will do so because those who prove to be its ultimate champion defenders, will be able to find in it a truth in harmony with future economic development.

Socialists are accused of being the enemies of Christianity and Christian Socialists the allies—unwittingly perhaps—of Atheistic Socialists, who are deemed the arch-enemies of the Christian religion. But the real truth is that THE GREATEST FOES OF CHRISTIANITY ARE THOSE WHO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY IT WITH THE DECAYING CAPITALIST SYSTEM OF TODAY [illegible]

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Do not [illegible] orders for [illegible] rate above. A [illegible] dress The S. S. [illegible], The Christian [illegible], Suites 511-512, 39 Randolph St., Chicago.

HOW IT WORKS

Wilmington, Ohio, Feb. [illegible]

Dear Comrade: A bit of my experience [illegible] trying to teach an honest S. S. lesson [illegible] helpful to some honest but misguided [illegible]. I had the honor today of having [illegible] class the Rev. Dr. E. R. Robbins, [illegible] Lincoln Park Baptist Church of Cincinnati. After giving a brief review of several [illegible] lessons, showing how that the high [illegible] part of the idle rich had caused the [illegible] of the nation Israel, I proceeded to [illegible] the boldness of Elijah in delivering [illegible] to the king. This brought forth from [illegible] tor the remark that the prophet did [illegible] anything to say about the king's riches [illegible] high life—that we should "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness [illegible] these things shall be added unto you," [illegible] interpretation of this passage is just the [illegible] as that given by other ministers that are [illegible] habit of praying for "large giving for [illegible] work," viz., "seek the kingdom in your [illegible] but not in reality—for it might upset the financial plans of some prominent church [illegible] Dr. Robbins, like David, says he has [illegible] seen "the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging for bread." Say, Comrade, let's quit [illegible] game of Socialism and advise all the Comrades to join the church and get prosperous!

"But," I said, "we are agreed that [illegible] the kingdom will be established on [illegible] we not?" "Yes," was the reply. "[illegible]" I, "what kind of a [illegible] kingdom will be? [illegible] one to believe that it [illegible] and Dr. Robbins apologized for [illegible] away from the prophet. I then gave each member of my class a copy of the Christian Socialist. Dr. Robbins said he did not think it a very good paper to hand out in Sunday School, [illegible] he accepted a copy and said he would [illegible]. The preachers may pump a lot of hot [illegible] some people all the time, but they can't [illegible] it into all the people all the time.

Yours for the establishment of His kingdom on earth,

Horace L. D[illegible]

We have often tried to help our readers [illegible] ize that they have a very special [illegible] heavy responsibility toward the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST, more so far than [illegible] any other paper; because any and every [illegible] cialist stands ready to help an ordinary [illegible] cialist paper, whereas there are, from the nature of the case, comparatively few [illegible] derstand and appreciate the [illegible] work of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST enough to help it much.

Therefore those who do understand and [illegible] preciate the work of this paper should [illegible] trate their strength [illegible] upon it.

Stand by this paper. [illegible] Defend it by argument, work for it, [illegible] it, do your utmost [illegible] spread its influence. REALIZE THAT [illegible] WORK IS YOUR WORK, YOUR [illegible] CIAL, PERSONAL, RESPONSIBILITY. Do your very best for it now and [illegible] Be one of the [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] of this paper. It affords the [illegible] est opportunity for [illegible] ARE YOU WITH US?

Get after every anti-Socialist [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Crusaders

Conducted by [illegible], [illegible] W. Main St., Richmond, Va.

Patience

You must wait a little for those pictures I promised. A friend is embroidering a banner for me with our motto upon it, and I want it in the picture! Perhaps the sight of mine will set you to wanting one of your own, to carry in the Labor Day parade, or on other special occasions. I think it would be fine for every one of us to have one. It would arouse a great deal of curiosity, and that's what we want—to get people to asking what Christian Socialism is. Just as soon as my banner is done, I shall take steps to get some post cards made with the promised picture, and mail to those who are entitled to them under my offer of January 26. Have had two very nice letters from Helen Grant, fourteen, Silver-Creek, N. Y., and one from Vera Allen, nine, Freemont, Indiana, and feel that it will be a great help to me in my efforts to write what you like, to find a little personal acquaintanceship with my Young Crusaders.

Did You Notice?

I wonder how many of you thought much about that charming little poem we published called "The Truant Stars"? You know the sun is a type of the Lord—"the Lord God is a sun and a shield"—because He is the source of all our mental and spiritual light and warmth, as the sun is of our natural light and heat. And, of course, you know that the light of the moon and the other stars in our solar system (that is, that go around our sun as the earth and the moon does), is really only reflected light from our sun. Just so the knowledge of God's goodness and unchanging love, which supports us in dark hours of trial, is from God—His gift to us to encourage and [illegible] us, and enable us to wait patiently for [illegible] the sense of His love and care to come back and give its light and warmth to our souls. He seems to hide from us, but He never really does; it is we who turn away from Him, as the earth does from the sun. Think of these things, and study those sweet little verses again. Do you suppose these likenesses of natural things to spiritual, are just "accidents?" I do not. To me they are the pictures in the great world kindergarten I spoke of one week, to teach us what Paul says in Romans 1:20.

Love Is a Motor

Last week I spoke of love's being a "motive power," and this week I want to try to help you to see it for yourselves, so we will talk about different kinds of motors for a bit.

Science is the orderly arrangement of knowledge. It is a principle of science that substances can only be moved by contact with other substances; that is, one substance pushes or pulls, presses down or lifts up, another substance, so as to move it.

Among the substances which act as "motors" to move other substances, there are four, which, if we study them, will help us to understand that spiritual substance, or motor, LOVE. These four motors are water, steam, wind and magnetism.

It is easy to see the truth of the law that substances are moved by contact with other substances, because we can see that water, steam and wind do actually touch and move other substances. We can also see that in passing from a study of water to that of steam, we have taken a step inward—have gone from a coarser to a finer substance. When we pass from steam to wind, or air, we have taken a still more interior step, and are observing a substance which we cannot see, although we can feel it, and hear it.

But when we pass from wind or air to magnetism, we take a step which carries us almost beyond or inside our senses, and brings us close to the spiritual. Magnetism is known only by its effects. No one ever heard it, or smelt it, [illegible] saw it or felt it as we see and feel the [illegible]

[illegible] or hearing [illegible] magnetic shock or thrill. Do we not feel mental shocks, or thrills of affection? In this sense we have seen magnetism, and in this sense we have seen mind. We have felt magnetism—and we have felt LOVE.

Does it seem odd that we talk of feeling a "magnetic thrill" when our affections are suddenly moved, and talk of being magnetically drawn toward those we love?

Scientists can tell us what water, steam and air are made of, and how, but no one has yet told us just what magnetism is. We are certain that it is a substance, because it acts upon other substances, by that law the common sense of which is so clear, that a NO-thing cannot act upon a SOME-thing.

The action of water, steam or wind can be easily hindered. Put a stone slab between the water, steam or wind, and the object it is moving, and motion ceases. But put it between a magnet and a suspended steel bar, and the magnet will reach its invisible fingers right through the slab, and take hold of the steel bar and draw it gently foward. It is said that nothing has yet been discovered that is QUITE impenetrable to magnetism. All children love to play with magnets; I want our Young Crusaders to understand what wonderful toys they are. They all feel, or love, as well as think. I would have them know that these things are spiritual, and lead them to notice them in themselves and others. One can illustrate the other, because magnetism is everywhere recognized as a symbol of the affections, and commonly used as the representative of love. The action of magnetism is usually exhibited or shown through attraction. It is a very common thing to call any lovable person an attractive or magnetic person.

And now, if we have gotten a clear idea of the fact that that invisible thing called magnetism, is a substance as well as a powerful "motor," perhaps we can understand that LOVE, also invisible, is a substance and a motor, too.

Remember that it is a teaching of common sense, as well as a law of science, that a NO-thing or a NON-substance, cannot act upon or move a SOME-thing, or a real substance. We know that magnetism is a substance only by that rule.

Now, does not LOVE move us? Doesn't it arouse us, and put all the wheels of our thought machinery in motion—that delicate and wonderful machinery which God builds, our souls, and, through them, our bodies? Why, when a mother sees her darling child in any danger, does not that wonderful motor help her to do, very frequently, feats of strength and daring which afterward seem almost impossible?—which would be impossible under the pressure of ordinary feeling. You will see, if you think about it, that without some love of some kind, as a motor, no motion of any kind, neither thought nor feeling, would be possible to us. And that wonderful substance and motor has a source from which it comes, just as surely as the water that flows from the faucet in the kitchen and bathroom, means a reservoir of water somewhere. Don't this thought help you to understand that otherwise mysterious truth so plainly stated, yet so little understood, in the Scriptures, "God IS LOVE!"

We may bring out the fact that love is a substance, into clearer light, by noticing that it has a warming power, not only of the affections and thoughts, but also of the body. This great fact is well known, but its meaning is too little considered. It is a matter of common observation and remark that a pair of ardent lovers will be comfortably warm in a temperature which would chill a cynical old bachelor to the bones! It is fixed in the common notions and speech, an affectionate and loving person, being called warm-hearted, and an unloving, selfish one, cold-hearted.

Did you ever notice that word, TEMPER- [illegible]

[illegible] "I am among you as [illegible]" was the Divine Love [illegible] that we might understand [illegible] we might live by it, and without [illegible] indeed "do nothing."

Is this interesting to you? I hope [illegible] cause I believe that it is quite [illegible] ful, in these days, to begin to [illegible] life what used to be thought [illegible] any but very learned [illegible], but [illegible] all, we are coming to see, it [illegible] may be simply applied.

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That was a witty reply made to the [illegible] tions, "What is mind?" "No matter." [illegible] is matter?" "Never mind."

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ROBERT BANDLOW

(Reprinted from the National [illegible])

The death of Robert Bandlow, of C[illegible], Ohio, on Sunday, January 2[illegible], [illegible] the ranks of American Socialism [illegible] inspiring character. Comrade [illegible] born in Germany in 1852. When [illegible] years of age his parents [illegible] and in that city his entire [illegible] printer by trade, Bandlow was [illegible] labor movement for [illegible] As a member of the Central [illegible] Cleveland he was [illegible] sent and progressive [illegible] of organized labor and [illegible] of that place over [illegible]

Comrade Bandlow [illegible] ment in 1896, and [illegible] which elapsed between [illegible] he served the movement [illegible] courage. He was a member of the [illegible] Committee in 1905, and of the [illegible] tive Committee in 1905 and [illegible] to the National Conventions [illegible] At the National Convention of 190[illegible] will be remembered, one of the [illegible] position for which his splendid [illegible] liamentary law and usages [illegible] him.

An eloquent and forceful speaker, and [illegible] er of no mean ability, Comrade [illegible] perhaps at his best as a teacher and [illegible] younger men. Many of our best [illegible] day were trained and inspired by him. [illegible] his last written words were:

"Extend to the Comrades my [illegible] their many expressions of good will [illegible] urge them to follow up the good [illegible] last campaign by a close [illegible] telligent, class-conscious [illegible] the knowledge that [illegible] our collective 'bosses' [illegible] to sway us from the right course. [illegible] working class, ready [illegible] for the emancipation of Labor."

Bandlow is dead, yet Bandlow lives [illegible] immortal! His stiffened fingers [illegible] torch he bore so bravely, but other [illegible] spired by him will bear it onward, and [illegible] spirit will live forever.

Good A[illegible]

We are having [illegible]

Chicago [illegible]

[illegible]

Rev. Wm. A. [illegible], Pastor [illegible] M. E. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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LESSON FOR [illegible]

[illegible] Ahab in Naboth's Vineyard.

I Kings 21.

[illegible] Luke 12:15: Take heed and [illegible]

[illegible]

(1) Jezebel to the Rescue. The queen said to the pouting, dejected king: "Don't let a little thing like the refusal of Naboth to let you have his vineyard trouble you; arise, eat, drink and be merry, for what we can't accomplish in the open we will do under cover. I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth, the Jezreelite." Jezebel was the brains that made force effective under a false guise. She was the standard of life Ahab and the elders and nobles must follow. In all autocracies, ancient and modern, it is the greed, cunning and brutality of the most depraved that set the standard of life and the pace of action others must—do—follow, or fall hopelessly out of the race. Jezebel tuned the harps and the others played the music.

(2) Subordinate Rulers. But neither Ahab nor Jezebel alone or together could carry out their scheme. They must have human tools. These they found in the elders and nobles, the local rulers of the place where Naboth lived; To these Jezebel wrote letters in the name of the king, commanding, not asking, them to murder an innocent man and his family in accordance with a diabolical scheme. On the face of the whole proceedings there were written Fraud, Lies, Cold-blooded Murder; yet these local guardians of law and order were submissive and obedient tools in the hands of the king to carry out the orders!! Did they ask the reasons for such orders? Did they protest? Did they delay the execution? No. They asked no questions, they did not protest, nor delay the execution of the plan for a [illegible]

[illegible] The [illegible] seldom if ever [illegible] his crimes. He uses others, tools, to do his [illegible] deeds and to hide himself.

(3) Possession. The scheme was executed to the letter. Naboth was "tried," condemned and killed. Besides the father, the sons were murdered that not a single heir should remain. The way was now clear for Ahab to take legal possession of the coveted prize. For all property without a legal claimant should revert to the crown. Hence, when Jezebel and Ahab heard that the storm was over and the man murdered, they rejoiced with hellish glee; and Ahab rose up in his innocency (?) to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite to take legal (?) possession of it.

(4) The Reason. I presume you pity Naboth and his sons and will say they were illegally and unjustly treated and brutally murdered. Yes; but why? You will say that the local rulers were contemptible cowards and subservient tools, and unfit to hold office in city or state. Yes; but do you see why? You say Jezebel and Ahab were cruel murderers, liars and thieves and deserved to be hanged. Yes; but can you guess why they were not hanged? Why could Jezebel carry out her scheme of lies, deception, murder and robbery with impunity? She herself frankly tells us. She said to her husband, "Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel?" This is the answer. They ruled the kingdom and because they ruled they could and did make the kingdom do as they commanded. They were the state and church; the legislative, administrative and executive branches of government, and things must go as they dictated. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the vineyard [illegible] to take peaceful and legal possession of it [illegible] at the gate, just as he was about to [illegible] was rudely shocked by the sudden and unexpected appearance of Elijah. He was face to face with his old foe, the [illegible] of God, the friend of the oppressed. [illegible] was lost, the truth was out and [illegible] doomed. Ahab threw up the sponge.

The Truth. The first words Ahab [illegible] were not about the vineyard, but [illegible] bloody, treacherous deed by which [illegible] possession of it. "Hast thou found me [illegible]" the king to the prophet. [illegible] these words meant. Yes, said [illegible] the king, "Yes; I have found [illegible] thou hast sold thyself to do [illegible] in the sight of God." [illegible] cent blood to satisfy thy [illegible] deceived and lied and [illegible] sacred things to carry out thy [illegible] plot. Yes, I have found thee and [illegible] prit in the murder and the [illegible] shall be made known to the [illegible] standest revealed and condemned [illegible] united. The message delivered [illegible] suddenly disappeared and the king [illegible] prised, stunned, condemned.

Hatred. If there was a man [illegible] the king feared and hated [illegible] it was Elijah. He [illegible] would rather meet a [illegible] but then meet this [illegible] wilderness. He [illegible] no other course [illegible] truth to his face [illegible] and bloody deeds [illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] as [illegible] Ahab.

III. [illegible] Vs. [illegible]

Read these passages [illegible] the secret for the use of [illegible] by those in authority. [illegible] schemes of tyranny and [illegible] deeds through the use of [illegible] profession of sacred [illegible] responsibility and [illegible] they are ashamed of their deeds [illegible] they are afraid of the [illegible] who could never [illegible] science and truth, to [illegible] cent by a [illegible] put in stocks and [illegible] of affliction for no other [illegible] truth; that hunted Elijah [illegible] burnt, to put him to death [illegible] and his sons and [illegible] without much trouble [illegible] not would [illegible] bloody revolt that [illegible] and tyranny that [illegible] [illegible] Rulers [illegible] killed [illegible] [illegible] will be their [illegible] some of the [illegible] of Ahab when [illegible] guilt of the vineyard [illegible] will [illegible] until [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]